

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled " ELECTROCONDUCTIVE CONTACT UNIT ASSEMBLY ", the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on July 9, 1999 as PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/03714 and was amended on December 17, 1999 **and/or** was filed on January 10, 2001 as United States Application No. 09/743,536 and was amended on January 10, 2001.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application (s)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing date</u>	<u>Priority claims</u>
Patent 10-195808	Japan	July10, 1998	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent No.</u>	<u>Parent Filing date</u>	<u>Parent Patent Number (if applicable)</u>
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